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Questions for the video "Acid Mine Nation"8 messages

Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>
To: Laura Jenkins <jenkins.laura@epa.gov>

Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 4:13 PM

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I understand there was a project plan for the Gold King operation. Someone mentioned a document that was sent in response to a Congressional hearing. That file might have been called NECA (?) as in "Environmental Cost Analysis", however, I am not sure about that.

Was there a plan of action for entering the Gold King mine?

If so, was it followed? If yes, why didn't the plan have adequate measures for testing pressure behind the earthen plug, or plans for what to do with such water, like trenching it to settling ponds - before any water was released from behind the earthen plug?

If there was a plan, and it was NOT followed, Why not? and Who gave to order to proceed?

If there was NO plan, why not? You have heard it said many times, "If this were a private sector company, we would have a list of conditions to meet before we could start any work on a site like that." And they would be publicly fired from the company if they violated those conditions, and possibly held liable in criminal court, certainly liable in civil court.

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Thank you again for calling. I hope to hear from you soon.

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Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 4:20 PM

To: Bill Simon <wsimon@frontier.net>

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wsimon@frontier.net <wsimon@frontier.net>

Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 5:51 AM

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[See comments below.....](#)

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Was there a plan of action for entering the Gold King mine? [For both 2014 and another for 2015.](#)

If so, was it followed? If yes, why didn't the plan have adequate measures for testing pressure behind the earthen plug, or plans for what to do with such water, like trenching it to settling ponds - before any water was released from behind the earthen plug? [Those answers are attempted in the House's report \(Natural Resouce committee- Rep. Bishops committee.](#)

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Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 11:28 AM

To: Laura Jenkins <jenkins.laura@epa.gov>

Hi Laura,

I received clarification on the report I am seeking.

[Engineering evaluation and cost analysis. EECA.](#)

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Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 11:33 AM

To: Bill Simon <wsimon@frontier.net>

Thanks Bill. I sent her the clarification for EECA.

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Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov>

Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 12:23 PM

To: Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>

Thanks, I've passed the additional info along. We're closing early today due to blizzard so most won't see this until tomorrow.

Laura Jenkins

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From: Tom Schillaci [mailto:schillaci.tom@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:28 AM
To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Questions for the video "Acid Mine Nation"

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Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov>

Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM

To: Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>

Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Tom:

I spoke with Nancy Grantham, from our HQ Office of Public Affairs, regarding your inquiry. Nancy is the lead Public Affairs Officer on Gold King Mine-related inquiries and said she'll contact you regarding your request.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Regards,

Laura Jenkins

Media Officer

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From: Tom Schillaci [mailto:schillaci.tom@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:14 PM

To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov>

Subject: Questions for the video "Acid Mine Nation"

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Tom Schillaci <schillaci.tom@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 4:56 PM

To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Hello, Nancy and Christie -

I am just following up on last month's communication with Laura Jenkins at Region 8 in Denver. Have you considered my request for a video interview with the Region 8 Administrator?

Or, if it is easier for you to answer the questions listed below, that would be wonderful.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to hear from you soon. If voice is better for you, my cell number is [970-946-9676](tel:970-946-9676).

Sincerely,
Tom Schillaci, Producer

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